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sources in Jerusalem:

No guarantees for Arafat

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Israel will make no guarantees to Arafat or to the UN not to attempt to prevent Yasser Arafat's departure from Tripoli, senior political sources in Jerusalem said last night. Sources stressed that they are referring to a cabinet decision on such a matter, but rather a trend in favour of such a move by Israel to block Arafat. They said there is no reason why Israel should give such a guarantee over the departure of Arafat and estimated 4,000 men. Moreover, they noted, Israel had declared that it would try to prevent Arafat's departure by force. The question of such a guarantee owed the shelling early Friday morning by the Israel Navy of a ship belonging to the pro-Arafat forces spokesman on Friday

reported "accurate hits" on the base, located about a kilometre north of Tripoli. There were no Israeli casualties. A PLO spokesman said one Fatah man was killed and three were wounded in the shelling.

The spokesman yesterday denied a PLO charge that a second base had been hit on Friday night. Israel has also denied a PLO accusation that the navy has blockaded the sea routes from Tripoli.

Among the reasons given for the continued delay of Arafat's departure is that Greece, which is supplying the ships, is demanding the U.S. and the UN obtain an Israeli assurance that the ships would be safe from an attack against Arafat. Greece is also demanding guarantees from the U.S., France, Italy and Britain to protect the four ships involved in the PLO evacuation.

The Greek demands follow Israel's opposition to the UN agreement to grant its aegis to the terrorists' flight. Last week Prime Minister Shamir sent a formal protest against the UN move to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, demanding unequivocally that he withdraw the UN offer of "immunity" to Arafat and his men.

Political circles in Jerusalem said last night that Israel does not need to be concerned that world opinion sees it as interfering with Arafat's departure. Israel does not have to facilitate Arafat's departure, the sources said, and there is no reason why it should not clarify its intentions in the matter in advance.

However, these considerations no longer obtain, and Jerusalem now feels differently, the sources said, especially following the deaths last week of five persons and the wounding of scores more in a Jerusalem bomb explosion claimed by the PLO.

The shelling of the Fatah base on Friday was not an act of retaliation for the bombing of the bus, a government official said.

"It shouldn't be considered an eye-for-an-eye action. It can also be seen as a preventive action," the unnamed official told reporters.

The official also said the shelling "should not be viewed as an effort to prevent Arafat from leaving Tripoli." He said Israel objects to UN support for Arafat evacuation because "We don't want Arafat or

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A police sapper shows one of the hand grenades discovered on Mount Zion on Friday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Cabinet won't discuss Sharon's charges on U.S. 'interference'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Shamir will not initiate a cabinet discussion on the demand by Ariel Sharon to appoint a commission of inquiry into a KOL Yisrael report that U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis had asked the late Simcha Ehrlich to oust Sharon from the Defence Ministry, sources in Jerusalem said yesterday.

The former defence minister, who currently serves as minister without portfolio, charged in a letter to Shamir (see page 3) and in a lengthy weekend radio interview that Lewis had asked Ehrlich, then deputy prime minister, to oust Sharon. This was only "the tip of the iceberg of insufferable American interference in Israel's internal affairs," Sharon said.

The sources said they could not see how the prime minister could accede to Sharon's demand for an inquiry as there was no one to question: Ehrlich is dead, and the American ambassador cannot be

questioned by an Israeli commission.

The sources said that if the conversation reported between Lewis and Ehrlich had indeed taken place, it was a very serious matter, but there is no real evidence that it had.

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv would not comment on Sharon's charges. The embassy did issue a statement saying that there had been a number of meetings between Lewis and Ehrlich, at the latter's request, "but we cannot go into the substance of any of these meetings."

Most cabinet ministers are not taking the Sharon accusations seriously. Some say that Sharon is seeking ways to vindicate himself, and seized on the KOL Yisrael report for this purpose. Others said that he feels bitter towards the Americans, whom he blames for his ouster from the Defence Ministry last February. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Shamir and Levy settle differences

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

After a week of mounting tension, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his deputy, Housing Minister David Levy, patched up their differences at a Friday morning meeting.

Shamir did not give Levy a commitment for a date when he might be made foreign minister.

In the past few days Levy has complained about not being briefed on Shamir's talks in Washington, and about the delay over being told when he would be made foreign minister.

Levy, however, told reporters after the meeting that the Foreign Ministry was not the central issue at their "good conversation." Rather it had been the need to improve the atmosphere among their colleagues, and to prevent sources talking in Shamir's name from clouding the atmosphere between the two men.

The deputy premier said "the talk strengthened the understanding between us concerning the Foreign Ministry. The date of the appointment still has to be discussed between us and finally settled. I'm not standing over him with a stopwatch and I'm not pushing him."

According to the agreement which they reached, Shamir will

take care from now on to give Levy detailed reports of all diplomatic matters, and Levy will be an active participant in decisions.

Referring obliquely to the claims laid to the Foreign Ministry, by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, Levy said: "His problems are my problems and we'll settle them together. I do not put my own case separately from other problems."

A source in the Prime Minister's Office said by way of confirmation that "as a result of the satisfying and good conversation, no differences of opinion remained between the premier and his deputy, and any misunderstandings which might have existed, have been removed."

Referring to the fact that all seven ministers of the Herut party had seemed to be ganging up against him, after he had proved his strength at the party central committee which chose Shamir as premier, Levy said he had been "reached a climax recently and begun to cloud everything."

He said: "There was an ugly atmosphere generated by certain elements who claim to be 'sources close to the Prime Minister.' That atmosphere damaged the friendly

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Jerusalem sites booby-trapped

Police believe Jewish terror cell active

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police believe that a professionally trained Jewish terror cell is responsible for placing booby-trapped handgrenades at non-Jewish sites in Jerusalem over the weekend.

An IDF series 26 grenade exploded last night on Salah a-Din Street, the main shopping thoroughfare of East Jerusalem. The 9.30 explosion caused no damage or injuries, but it heightened police concern about more such incidents.

Last night's explosion followed the discovery on Friday of five booby-trapped handgrenades at four religious sites.

No arrests have yet been made. An anonymous spokesman for a group called Terror Against Terror telephoned the Army Radio station on Friday that his group was responsible for five booby-trapped handgrenades found on Mt. Zion

and in Beit Safafa. The radio station, at police request, did not broadcast the report.

"The Terror Against Terror organization is responsible for the grenades in the city," the telephone caller said. He hung up before he could be asked any questions.

Later last night, after the explosion in Salah a-Din Street, a shop was set afire in Christian Quarter Road in the Old City.

Three separate booby traps were found early Friday by monks at Christian institutes on Mt. Zion, and police sappers dismantled them.

Two grenades were found on the steps of the Franciscan monastery at around 6:30 a.m. Another grenade was found an hour later, as police searched the area, on steps leading to the Greek Orthodox Seminary.

At the same time, the fourth grenade was found lashed to a

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IDF soldier killed in Sidon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TULLA. — Tural (Private) Shlomo Alfasi, 19, of Rehovot, was killed night when a bomb exploded at the side of a road south of Sidon, the spokesman announced.

Two IDF armoured personnel carriers were moving south on the road at 6 p.m. when the remote-controlled bomb was detonated. The patrol fired in the direction the terrorists were believed to have fled, the spokesman said.

Large units of the IDF and of Maj. Sa'ad Haddad's militia combed the area. The Sidon area has recently become the focus of terrorist strikes in Lebanon, with the terrorists staging their ambushes from abandoned houses, houses under construction or orchards.

Second Beirut cease-fire in as many days

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEIRUT. — Lebanon's latest cease-fire was broken yesterday afternoon after it was declared. Two civilians were reported injured. But government-run Beirut said another truce was quick-worked out.

The Syrian-supported cease-fire, which was announced late Friday as it taken effect at 8 p.m., was broken at mid-morning yesterday by artillery exchanges in the mountains overlooking Beirut and in the city's southern suburbs, the state radio said.

Reported the artillery fire was between anti-government Druze militias and Lebanese Army positions at Souk al-Gharb and Kafr Mounoun, mountain villages flanking the capital and the U.S. air camp at Beirut Airport. Sniping broke out between Druze and Shi'a Muslim forces in the Shi'a Muslim suburb of Ain Rumaysh, the radio said. It said two civilians were injured in the cross-

fire. However, the radio report said the cease-fire to quiet the fighting in the mountains and suburbs took effect at noon and was

holding into the afternoon.

The earlier truce, though not renounced, never prevented regular artillery duels and gunbattles between the army in Beirut on one side and Amal militia fighters in the southern suburbs and Walid Jumblatt's Druze forces in the mountains to the southeast on the other.

The Druze have been shelling army positions almost every evening, some in residential parts of Beirut. They say this is in response to army bombardments of their mountain villages.

The cease-fire, a revival of one agreed on September 25, followed talks in Damascus between representatives of the Lebanese Army, the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and the Shi'a Muslim militia, Amal.

Beirut newspapers yesterday welcomed the new truce and speculated it could lead to the reopening of Beirut Airport, closed for the last 10 days because of the shelling.

Security talks in Damascus coincided with a visit Friday by Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie

Salem, who briefed Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam on Lebanese President Amin Jemayel's recent trip to Italy and the U.S.

Jemayel yesterday met with 22 members of parliament individually and in groups for a second day of consultations requested by Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, who wants to hand over to a government of national unity. He offered his resignation on September 26, but has not yet had a reply.

Presidential palace sources said most members of parliament think a national unity government would be premature and it would be best to wait until after a second round of reconciliation talks in Geneva.

Salem and U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld are on separate tours intended to get the talks moving again.

Salem arrived yesterday in Riyadh, Syria and Saudi Arabia, as parties to the original September 25 cease-fire agreement between the army, the PSP and Amal, attended the Geneva talks as observers.

Rumsfeld on Friday met four of the factional leaders invited to Geneva and was expected to meet with others yesterday. (AP, Reuters)

Port go-slow enters its third week Agriculture gets 3-day reprieve in Ashdod

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The stevedores' go-slow strike in Ashdod and Haifa ports goes into its third week today, with the dispute deadlocked. However, in Ashdod the men will load farm exports, with the exception of citrus, at the normal rate for three days. Starting today, to placate the farmers.

The country's farmers have been in arms at the hold-up of their exports, which has cost them several million dollars.

The stevedores are standing pat their demand for a 27 per cent rise, and on their rejection of the ports authority's insistence on efficiency measures and lay-offs to offset the increase.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu, who has ministerial responsibility for the ports, went on the radio yesterday to announce that he would ask the government today to authorize the emergency back-to-

work orders against the stevedores to force them to resume normal work.

However, shipping circles doubted that the orders would be more effective than the normal work order the Tel Aviv Labour Court issued last week. The men have ignored it, arguing that by doing one norm of work they are complying with the law and nobody can force them to do premiums.

The authority intends to return to the court today, to seek a contempt action against the men, whose single norm work has reduced cargo handling volume by one half.

Corfu charged the secretary of the Ashdod Labour Council with responsibility for the strike, asserting that he had promised the men a 35 per cent rise during the recent municipal election campaign. The secretary has denied the allegation.

On Friday the Chamber of Shipping, which represents the shipping

companies, and the Shippers' Council, representing the importers and exporters, reached a compromise agreement on a delay surcharge to compensate the ship owners for the extra time their ships are forced to spend in port as a result of the slow-down.

Starting tomorrow, a surcharge of 10 per cent on freight charges will be levied on all import cargoes. The surcharge on export is to be discussed next Friday if the strike is still on.

On Friday the Haifa stevedores committee went to Ashdod for a meeting at the local labour council where they agreed on the three-day respite for farm produce in Ashdod. But if no agreement has been reached by the end of this period, the labour council is to organize sympathy action in Ashdod factories. The two committees are to appear before the Histadrut Central Committee today to discuss the situation.

New non-Jews to gain from religious students' benefits

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

New rules devised by the Ministry of Religious Affairs provide for extra child allowances for married students in religious seminaries, but will almost exclusively benefit Jews, according to three experts interviewed by The Jerusalem Post.

The experts on non-Jewish religious communities were asked comment on the new regulations for paying extra children's allowances for "students in religious institutions of higher learning." The rules were approved in September by the Ministerial Committee for Domestic Affairs, Services and the Environment.

Extra child allowances paid to Jewish students with three or more children were originally introduced in 1970 in the framework of benefits

for discharged soldiers, even though yeshiva students are exempt from military service. Last July Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir ordered the payments stopped on the grounds that they discriminated against Arabs, who do not serve in the military.

The attorney-general's order came after a petition to the High Court of Justice by two Alignment MKs, Hamad Hatait and Mohammad Wataid.

The new rules devised by the Ministry of Religious Affairs were obtained, by The Post. They are phrased in a general way to include seminarians of "other religions" along with yeshiva students.

Students of these religious institutions are eligible for the extra allowances starting from their third child if they are citizens of Israel, if

religious study is their sole vocation, and if their yeshiva or seminary is recognized by a special committee of the ministry set up for this purpose.

But Dr. Moshe Sharon, a Hebrew University Arabist and adviser to President Chaim Herzog on political affairs, said that there are no Muslim seminaries in Israel for training religious functionaries. The Druze religion does not even have such institutions, he said. The "spiritual elect" of the Druze community are initiated into the secrets of the faith through individual instruction.

Dr. Victor Azarya, a Hebrew University sociologist and expert on the Armenian community, said that the students in the Jerusalem Armenian seminary come mainly from abroad and are not married.

Yisrael Lippel, former director-general of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and expert on the Christian communities, said that the Greek Orthodox have a seminary in Israel but the Greek Catholics do not. The Orthodox seminarians, however, are only in rare cases allowed to marry, he said.

As for Protestant seminarians in Israel, he said that the vast majority come from abroad.

Lippel added that most of the Christian institutions would probably not seek recognition by the ministry committee, out of concern that this might compromise their autonomy.

He concluded that among the Christian communities there might be "one or two" seminarians who might qualify for the extra child allowances, provided their institution were recognized.

Both Lippel and Sharon said that there are no parallels among non-Jewish religions in Israel to the *kol-lei*, or yeshiva for married students, where students devote themselves to religious study for its own sake.

The chief accountant of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Yehoshua Klatchin, said that about 1,000 yeshiva students were receiving the payments until they were stopped in July. He said that the Treasury has not yet approved the new regulations.

The attorney-general recently ordered the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs to stop paying extra children's allowances to welfare cases who have not served in the army. But no ruling has yet been issued on the extra payments to large families of immigrants who have not served in the army, paid through the National Insurance Institute.

Fifth victim of bus bombing laid to rest in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sixteen-year-old Esther Pollack was buried last night on Har Hamenuhot in Jerusalem. She was the fifth victim of the terror bombing last week on the No. 18 Jerusalem bus.

She died of her head wounds about 5 p.m. on Friday. Her sister Nurit, 11, died in the blast. Esther never regained consciousness from the moment of the blast.

The mother of the two girls works in a laboratory at Hadassah Hospital, at Ein Kerem, where the two girls died.

Eight victims of the blast remain hospitalized in Hadassah, and another 17 at Shaare Zedek. Three in Hadassah are still in critical condition, while four at Shaare Zedek remain in the intensive-care unit.

Begin quits residence after lengthy seclusion

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former prime minister Menachem Begin last night moved out of the official premier's residence in which he had secluded himself for more than three months.

Begin emerged from the residence on Rehov Smolenskin shortly after the end of the Sabbath with his son, Binyamin Ze'ev, and drove to the rented apartment that has been readied for him in Jerusalem's Yefeh Nof neighbourhood near his son's home. It was the first time in 102 days that he had left the official residence.

A former aide who spoke to him by phone last night said Begin expressed pleasure at having moved into his new home.

The move came after treatment by a skin specialist, called in last week for the first time, speedily cured the ailment that had prevented Begin from shaving for three months.

Prof. Ya'akov Sheskin told The Jerusalem Post last night that he had examined Begin for the first time last Sunday at the request of the former premier's personal physician, Prof. Mervyn Gottesman. He began immediate treatment of the skin disease but not on Begin's face which was covered with a thick, greying beard.

On Monday, Sheskin returned with a male nurse who brought with him an electric razor. The beard came off with relative ease and the doctor then extended treatment to the face. The reaction was swift, and Sheskin announced on Thurs-



Menachem Begin at one of his last public appearances at the end of August. (Haran)

day, that treatment had been successfully completed. He said that Begin could appear in public in the near future if he wishes.

Sheskin declined last night to describe the nature of the disease, the nature of his treatment, or the manner in which the skin disease had previously been dealt with.

Photographers had been staking out both the official residence and Begin's new home for weeks in anticipation of the move. Aides had earlier said that the move would likely take place sometime this week.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	3	37	43	Clear
BRUSSELS	2	29	38	Clear
BUENOS AIRES	18	24	27	Cloudy
CHICAGO	4	22	30	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	3	28	41	Snow
FRANKFURT	3	27	38	Clear
GENEVA	12	10	13	Cloudy
HELSINKI	12	10	13	Cloudy
HONG KONG	18	24	27	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	14	17	19	Clear
LONDON	10	10	11	Clear
LYON	4	25	31	Clear
MADRID	10	14	18	Clear
MONTREAL	1	24	31	Clear
NEW YORK	10	14	18	Clear
OSLO	10	14	18	Clear
PARIS	4	23	30	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	26	28	Cloudy
SÃO PAULO	19	20	22	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	3	26	40	Snow
TOKYO	4	23	28	Clear
TORONTO	18	18	22	Snow
VIENNA	8	18	22	Snow
ZURICH	5	23	30	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	45	4-15	15
Golan	50	7-14	14
Nahariya	50	8-14	13
Safed	50	8-13	13
Haifa Port	54	15-19	19
Tiberias	54	10-20	21
Nazareth	63	10-17	17
Afula	34	6-19	19
Sharmun	40	7-16	16
Tel Aviv	43	11-18	18
B. G. Airport	40	8-19	19
Jericho	37	9-22	22
Caes.	49	10-18	19
Be'er-Sheva	34	5-17	18
Eilat	68	12-20	20

Egypt's farming minister invited to Israel

TEL AVIV. — Hussein Mohammed Hannawi, assistant to the Egyptian minister of agriculture, is leaving today after a short stay at the invitation of the Agrifed for agricultural development firm.

Hannawi will transmit to Minister Yusef Wali, the invitation to visit Israel extended to him by Minister of Agriculture Pessah Grupper.

Lebanese Druse asking IDF to open roads

NAZARETH. — Lebanese Druse have asked the IDF to open the main roads in the Sidon area, to enable people in the Shouf Mountains to get to West Beirut and South Lebanon safely.

The appeal was made during a visit of a Lebanese Druse delegation of seven religious and secular leaders to the Israeli Druse leader Sheikh Amin Tarif on Friday. The delegation said that many Druse villages in the Shouf are cut off from West Beirut, as the residents are afraid to use the main roads because they are so close to the positions of the American Marines and the Lebanese Army.

ARAFAT

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the PLO to have an operational capacity... we are not interested in them having any independent bases.

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon said in a weekend radio interview that Arafat should not be allowed to leave Tripoli alive, because "we are on the brink of destroying the PLO as an independent terrorist organization and Arafat must not be allowed to recast it."

In Washington, meanwhile, the State Department on Friday urged Israel to allow Arafat and his PLO supporters to leave Tripoli safely. "We hope that plans to evacuate the PLO from Tripoli will proceed unimpeded, in order to resolve expeditiously a situation that has already led to many civilian casualties," spokesman Alan Romberg said.

U.S. officials said the sooner the PLO gets out of Tripoli the better it would be for everyone.

In Cairo yesterday, President Hosni Mubarak condemned the Israeli Navy shelling, calling it an aggressive step which does not help to lessen Middle East tension. He added, however, that he does not see the shelling as a naval blockade of the PLO in Tripoli.

Arafat yesterday told reporters he is continuing preparations for the withdrawal from Tripoli despite the raid and the alleged naval blockade.

He said the Greek ships are waiting for some details to be worked out by former Lebanese prime minister Rashid Karami in Damascus before sailing to Tripoli to evacuate him and his 4,000 loyalists.

"When details are ready, the ships will be here in 24 hours," Arafat said. He did not elaborate on the required details.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Reagan talks tough on Lebanon

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — President Reagan yesterday again warned Syria that the U.S. will continue to protect its reconnaissance flights over Lebanon.

He insisted that the U.S. has reacted "with great restraint" so far in the face of Syrian-sponsored actions against the U.S. Marines in Lebanon.

"Our reconnaissance flights have only one purpose and the Syrians know it," Reagan said in his weekly

radio address, "to give the greatest possible protection to our troops. We will do whatever is needed to assure the safety of our forces and our reconnaissance flights."

The firing of Syrian missiles against the U.S. F-14 flights on December 3 resulted the next day in the first air strike against Syrian positions. Two U.S. planes were shot down by the Syrians, with one pilot killed and a second taken prisoner.

Reagan was firm in underlining his continued resolve to stay the

course in the face of mounting pressures to bring the Marines home. The Washington Post yesterday quoted Reagan as having told a closed meeting this past week that as many as 1,000 terrorists, most of them Iranians, have assembled in Lebanon to conduct suicide-bombing attacks similar to the one on October 23 in Beirut that killed 240 marines. The newspaper said it had obtained a recording of Reagan's remarks delivered at a meeting of the Citizens for America, a pro-Reagan political action group.

Thousands in TA will lose jobs

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of workers in the city's industrial and service sectors are to lose their jobs in the next few weeks. Most of them have already been given notice.

The dismissals have already begun in the textile, clothing, shoe, furniture, transport, banking, printing and insurance industries.

Last month some 2,580 workers who lost their jobs were registered at the Ministry of Labour employment bureau and the number is expected to reach 4,000 by

the end of this month. Tel Aviv Labour Council sources told The Jerusalem Post last night.

Sales of textiles, clothing and shoes have slumped by 40 per cent since the latest economic upheaval started, the sources said. Companies like Sabrina, Vitalgo, Tiseret children's clothing, Eterna shoes and others are due to dismiss up to 50 per cent of their employees, they said. Some firms will be closing. Twenty carpentry workshops went out of business in November. 500 temporary bank employees have been dismissed, and large insurance companies intend to shed between 10 and 25 per cent of their staff, the sources said.



Measures to increase security on public transport are discussed Friday in Jerusalem by Transport Minister Haim Coria (left), ministry officials, and representatives of the police, Civil Guard and the bus cooperatives.

Syria threatens 'new steps' against U.S.-Israel pact

DAMASCUS. — Syria will be forced to take "new steps" against the Israel-American agreement on strategic cooperation, Radio Damascus warned yesterday.

The commentator on the broadcast said the agreement was created as an act of aggression against Syria, to impose Israeli-American hegemony on the Arabs and to turn Lebanon into a protectorate of Israel and the U.S.

In reaction, warned the commentator, Syria was forced to react with suitable measures that will "frighten" the U.S. He did not state what these steps would be.

In Kuwait, Syrian Defence

Minister Mustafa Tias was quoted yesterday as insisting that his forces will not evacuate Lebanon before Israel "withdraws its forces completely and unconditionally" from that country.

Tias also told the newspaper Al-Rai Al-Amin that the Syrian withdrawal cannot be done "unless the factional imbalance was rectified" in Lebanon.

Tias claimed that Israel "plotted the assassination of (former) Lebanese president Bashir Jemayel, because he wanted to postpone the (Lebanese) agreement with Israel." (AFP, AP)

SHAMIR, LEVY

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relations and the possibility of full cooperation.

Levy noticeably avoided the use of the term "promise" when he was asked about the Foreign Ministry. Instead, he clung to the term "understanding."

Some sources in Herut, while confirming that most Herut ministers want to "put Levy in his place," said they were "convinced" that the rapid deterioration of relations last week had been caused by the followers of Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon.

These sources said the original report that Levy had not been briefed from Washington was a result of a trap laid by Sharon for Levy with the help of a journalist. They added that a second report in a sensationalist publication likewise carried the stamp of Sharon, in that it alleged an alliance between Levy and Sharon, as two outsiders. This was intended, the Herut sources said, to blacken Levy while covering Sharon.

In fact, the Herut sources said, Sharon is doing all in his power to get Levy discredited. This is not only because of what Levy said in the cabinet about the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camp killings, which helped spark the Kahan Commission inquiry. Mainly, the sources said, Sharon sees Levy as a rival for premier and wants to shove him out of the way in good time.

Police seize arms in Johannesburg suburb

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Security police uncovered an arms cache supplemented by mines and detonators following a shootout, it was reported yesterday.

The Star newspaper said one woman was wounded in the cross-fire Wednesday, and a man identified only as a member of the banned African National Congress was arrested.

A police spokesman had no immediate comment on the report, except to say there had been an investigation in Eldorado Park, a district about five kilometres south of Johannesburg, near the black city of Soweto.

Gaza leaders condemn Jerusalem bus blast

GAZA (Itim). — A number of Gaza Arab notables have strongly condemned last Tuesday's terrorist bus blast in Jerusalem.

The mayor of Khan Yunis, the mayor of Dir el-Balah, the council heads of a number of small towns in the southern part of the Gaza strip, and leaders from several refugee camps told the head of the civil administration in Gaza, Tat-Aluf Avraham Binyamin, that the way to achieve Palestinian demands is by political negotiation and not by terrorist methods.

Two killed in road mishap

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Two members of a local family were killed and two others were seriously injured when their car overturned on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway, about a kilometre south of here, Friday afternoon.

Killed were the driver Moshe Cohen, 40, and his daughter Ayelet, 10, of Bat Galim. Cohen's wife, Tamar, and son Ilan, 6, were seriously injured and are being treated in Ramham Hospital in Haifa.

Police said the family was travelling towards Haifa when their car suddenly swerved into the right

lane and overturned. No other vehicle was involved.

In another accident Friday, Tamir Savisa, 16, of Shomera in Western Galilee, was killed when the jeep in which he and three friends were riding overturned. Two were seriously injured and the other received light injuries.

FRUIT CONTAINERS. — Some \$1.5 million has been invested by the Dolev plant, a joint enterprise of Dvir and Lahav kibbutzim, to build an extension to its plastics plant to manufacture containers which can hold 450 kilograms of deciduous fruit (apples and pears.)



A pro-Arafat PLO man views the destruction in an encampment near Tripoli yesterday that was blasted by Israeli naval vessels late on Friday before dawn. (UPI telephoto)

Thatcher denies Reagan rift on arms sales to Argentina

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Friday played down reports of a rift with President Ronald Reagan over his decision to lift the ban on U.S. arms sales to Argentina. "Anglo-American relations are in good health," she said.

The prime minister, speaking at the opening of a new office building in London, said she had a "warm and friendly discussion" on Thursday with U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

"It is with friends that you can talk frankly, never with rancour, always with friendship, always with understanding," she said. "That's the way it is between Britain and the U.S. That's the way it will continue to be."

In the Commons, the government moved swiftly to head off what the Guardian predicted would be "an in-

intensified wave of anti-American feeling."

Ray Whitney, a junior Foreign Office minister, said the American decision, announced on Thursday, "was not sprung on us," and he welcomed U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger's assurance that Washington would not supply weapons that would help Argentina invade the Falklands again.

The Daily Mirror, which supports Britain's Socialist opposition Labour Party, headlined its report on the U.S. decision: "Reagan sells out Thatcher."

It said that U.S.-British relations are now at their lowest since the 1956 Suez crisis.

The Daily Mail, which supports Thatcher's government, said Reagan had delivered her "a bitter snub," and relations between the two governments were at "rock bottom." (See story — Page 4)

Refugees to oppose Ben-Porat plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Residents of Palestinian refugee camps in Judea and Samaria forming committees to oppose Minister-without-Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat's rehabilitation programme, according to a report on Israel Ra weekly newsheet yesterday.

"You think the camps are left of the Palestinian problem if you destroy them the problem be forgotten," one interviewee said. "But even if you move up palaces, the real historical, political problem will remain."

Ben-Porat insists that his plan resettles the Palestinians in housing near where they are living in camps as a humanist proposal with political implications.

"Those Israelis who want to annex Judea and Samaria (and not one of them) can see this plan as part of their programme, but those who want a Palestinian (and I am not one of them, either) who can see it as erasing the which the Arab states created

CABINET-SHARON

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However, the general assessment is that Sharon will not allow the matter to drop. He may raise it at today's cabinet meeting and may also ask for a meeting with Shamir on the matter.

A senior cabinet minister told The Jerusalem Post: "If you don't use my name you can say that the whole idea is rubbish." The minister added: "There may have been talk between the late deputy premier and the American ambassador but there was neither cooperation nor collaboration. In the wake of Sharon's call, there is nothing which can be done and nothing which ought to be done."

Asked what could have motivated Sharon, the minister said: "That fellow has so many axes to grind. He believes he is unfairly treated here and abroad over the Sabra and Shatilla affair. He believes the Americans gave him the cold shoulder on more than one occasion. He is convinced that he would still be defence minister today were it not for the U.S. Now that he feels himself qualified to be foreign minister, he resents the fact that he can't possibly get the appointment."

The minister added that there is no lack of psychological explanations for what Sharon is saying. The man feels he was being kept down, he exclaimed.

In his radio interview Sharon accused "Israeli collaborators" of working with American officials (operating under instructions from Washington) to get him fired as defence minister. The former defence minister said his request that the prime minister establish a commission of inquiry to investigate these charges is not a personal vendetta but rather concern for Israel's independence in the face of foreign intervention in its internal affairs.

Sharon said that the Kahan Commission of Inquiry into the Sabra-Shatilla massacres had been held in a "lynch atmosphere," largely because of American interference in the Israeli media. He expressed his "confidence" that the conclusions of the Kahan Commission, (which led to his ouster from the Defence Ministry) would be "wiped out" by "democratic methods."

Sharon said the Americans wanted him fired because they wanted to weaken the Begin government so that it would accept American dictates. This is what happened in the end, he said, and both Israel and America paid a high price for every Israeli concession to American pressure.

"The morning after our action against the Syrian missiles, there was strong American pressure for a cease-fire. The pressure lasted 24 hours. If Israel had had another 24 hours, we would have cut the Syrians off from the Beirut-Damascus highway, not in Beirut but at the Syrian border, and everything happening today in Lebanon would be entirely different."

Guided missile cruiser will visit Haifa

HAIFA. — The U.S. Sixth guided-missile cruiser Ticonderoga is due to arrive Tuesday for a nine-day visit.

Rear Admiral Richard L. Johnston, commander of the fleet's destroyer Group Eight, will board, a U.S. Embassy official The Jerusalem Post.

The cruiser has a complement of 389 men.

Savador, Mitterrand confer in Paris

PARIS (JTA). — Knesset Member Menahem Savador on Friday conferred for nearly an hour with French President Francois Mitterrand. Savador said Mitterrand stressed several times his friendship and commitment to Israel.

Mitterrand is due to meet Wednesday with Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, who is due to confer with Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. Levy is to France on a private visit at the invitation of the European Federation of Jewish Students, which is holding its annual conference.

Egyptian train crash

CAIRO (AP). — A speeding passenger train rammed into a stalled train in the Nile Delta Cairo yesterday morning, 14 persons, railway police said. About 50 people were hospitalized and another 14 were given first aid and released.

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University heads to meet Shamir

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An eleven-hour meeting between Prime Minister Shamir and the heads of the universities has been set for tomorrow evening to discuss the universities' financial plight and their plans to close the next day.

The head of the university coordinating committee, Tel Aviv University rector Prof. Yoram Dinstein, said that the main purpose of the meeting is to present an accurate picture of the dispute between the universities and the

Treasury. He said Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad has been telling his cabinet colleagues that the universities have threatened to close in protest over the budget cuts demanded by the Treasury.

"The real issue is that we have no money to continue operating because the Treasury is holding up most of the funds from this year's budget," Dinstein said. He said that the only practical benefit to come out of the meeting with Shamir would be a decision to provide the funds to prevent closure the following day.

Today the head of the universities' planning and grants committee, Prof. Haim Harari, is to meet Cohen-Orgad to discuss the crisis. The heads of the universities are to convene afterwards to assess the situation.

The income-tax authorities have secured an attachment order against the assets of Bar-Ilan University because of unpaid taxes. The universities have not been transferring tax payments in recent months because the Treasury has provided only enough money to pay the net salaries of the staff.

Accuses U.S. of 'subversion'

Sharon demands inquiry over his ouster

Jerusalem Post Staff

Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon has demanded that Prime Minister Shamir appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate reports that the U.S. had exerted pressure to have him removed from the Defence Ministry last February.

Sharon asserted in a letter to Shamir that the U.S. interferes in Israel's internal affairs. The full text of Sharon's letter was published in Friday's *Yediot Aharanot*. It read as follows:

"Prime Minister,
"On Sunday, 4 December 1983, a detailed item was broadcast by Israel Radio stating that the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Mr. Samuel Lewis, worked for my ouster as defence minister at a meeting with the late deputy prime minister Simha Ehrlich. This was to be a condition for an improvement of relations between the U.S. and Israel.

"According to the broadcast, there exists a protocol of this conversation, which took place before the publication of the conclusions of the committee of inquiry (on the Sabra-Shatilla massacres). The protocol is in the possession of Ehrlich's widow and was written by a civil servant who was present at the meeting.

"I have no doubts about the veracity of this report, which again proves the constant interference by some American officials in Israel's internal affairs in an insufferable manner.

"Although we are ostensibly considering foreign subversion against me personally, in my opinion this is a vital matter of principle which should concern the whole cabinet.

"It is unacceptable that a foreign ambassador, even that of the most powerful and friendly country, should occupy himself with ousting Israeli cabinet ministers, just as it is unacceptable that an Israeli ambassador in Washington would involve himself in the ouster of U.S. administration officials.

"I am sure that you, Mr. Prime Minister, who fought bravely in the 1940s for the independence of Israel against the mighty British Empire as the head of the courageous Lehi underground, is certainly outraged at any crude foreign intervention in our internal affairs. In addition, I know from those days how sensitive you are over the matter of Jewish collaborators with foreign elements to achieve the ends which those foreigners desire.

"Therefore you will certainly understand my following demand, and consent to it:

A. To investigate by means of a suitable judicial inquiry committee the matter of the serious and intrusive interference in Israel's internal affairs by Ambassador Samuel Lewis.

B. To present the protocol of the conversation between Mr. Lewis and Mr. Ehrlich and of any other conversation between the two, to the state's legal authorities, so that they may in turn be given to the body which investigates the in-

sufferable activities of the American ambassador.

C. To take evidence from the civil servant who was present at the meeting, or meetings, between Ehrlich and the U.S. ambassador.

D. To bring all this material, and all the material — direct or indirect — which is in the possession of the official Israeli authorities, on the matter of American intervention in Israel's internal affairs, before the inquiry committee.

"This inquiry, which I am demanding be as wide as possible, is essential not only to expose the direct responsibility of certain American elements and personalities for serious failures in Lebanon, but to deal immediately with matters pertaining to our independence, to halt the insufferable interference of some American elements in Israel's internal affairs, specifically now when there is a need for creating a truthful foundation for strategic cooperation between Israel and its great friend, the United States.

"As former prime minister Menachem Begin once said to the same Ambassador Lewis, 'Israel will not allow itself to be treated as a banana republic or a vassal state.'

"Mr. Prime Minister, I have already informed you of the seriousness of the Lewis-Ehrlich affair, in a phone conversation on that same Sunday of the Israel Radio broadcast, and I requested action by you.

"I await your speedy answer to my request.
Sincerely, Ariel Sharon."

Kessar: Economic chaos if no agreement reached

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Trade Union Department head Israel Kessar warned of "economic chaos" if the government fails to work hand-in-hand with the Histadrut.

Kessar told the Army Radio on Friday that the government should not assume that "nothing will happen," if the two sides do not reach general accord. The result would be that workers would "take matters into their own hands."

Some workers would then get more, others would settle for less, and "the economy will be in chaos," maintained Kessar.

If the government thinks it can do what it wants with the workers, it is mistaken and will pay heavily for its mistake, Kessar warned.

"I think some of the finance minister's ideas are correct," he said, "but he derives too much enjoyment from talking daily about how he is going to lower the real wages of the workers."

Asking the workers to produce more and not to demand more money is a legitimate request, said Kessar, but when subsidized commodities go up at a murderous rate, and the workers are then expected to settle for less, that is asking too much, particularly since nothing is

being done to prevent other sectors from getting rich from devaluations and price-rises.

He said neither the government nor the private employers are doing the Histadrut or the workers a favour by giving an advance against the coming cost-of-living increment. The workers will return this money to their employers the following month, he said.

"What they are asking in return for this one-time loan is that we give up 5 per cent permanently. In addition to the cost-of-living agreement, there was also an agreement guaranteeing the real value of workers' wages.

If it were not for the fact that the agreements will soon be up for renegotiation anyway, the Histadrut could make new wage demands now. It will be a tough winter for labour relations, if the workers have to absorb all the price increases until the next regular cost-of-living payment on February 1. Furthermore, at today's inflation rate which is far higher than the 120 or 130 per cent assumed in negotiating the last labour contracts, the labour federation will want something new when new contracts are negotiated in April. The cost-of-living agreement will also have to be re-examined.

Kessar said the Histadrut is against the action of the port workers in not allowing the export of agricultural produce, but he said the labour federation is not a policeman and the job of seeing that workers work is the responsibility of the employers and the government.

"I hope what happened to the labour court injunction will destroy any illusions that some people have about compulsory arbitration solving the country's labour problems," he said. "The only way to settle labour disputes is at the negotiating table."

Orgad warns that strikers will have their pay docked

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TAL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad has warned striking workers that hours lost by industrial action would be deducted from their paycheques.

"This nation cannot afford to pay for work not done," the minister said at the Herut-sponsored Economic and Political Club at Asia House here on Friday. He singled out the stevedores and the Civil Servants Union and the teachers' union, adding: "There will be no surrender to pressure by industrial action."

The U.S., said Cohen-Orgad, covers 40 per cent of Israel's trade gap. "It is an illusion to expect that Israel will not have to pay for this support — if not today, then the day after tomorrow. We simply cannot go on like that, and people must not

have any illusions. We can wait no longer for economic reforms," he said.

Stating that the economy is "basically sound," the minister said Israel exported \$10.5b. worth of commodities in 1983, "an enormous quantity for such a small country." But it also imported \$16b. worth of goods. To close the gap, consumption has to be curbed at once, he said.

The minister also deplored the "extreme dependence" of Israel's financial institutions on the government. "There is no reason why private savings should be channelled by the government," he said. There is a need for a tax reform, Cohen-Orgad added, "because the existing machinery does not get at all taxable incomes, thus creating inequality in bearing the burden."

Orgad speaks with protesters at Ariel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ARIEL. — Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday afternoon countered a demonstration by the left-wing Alternative Party outside the home he is building here, and then had a talk with the demonstrators.

Some 50 Alternative members were protesting against the spending of government funds on settlements in the territories in the face of growing unemployment and welfare cuts in Israel.

Dozens of settlers surrounded the demonstrators and threatened to attack them, but police kept order.

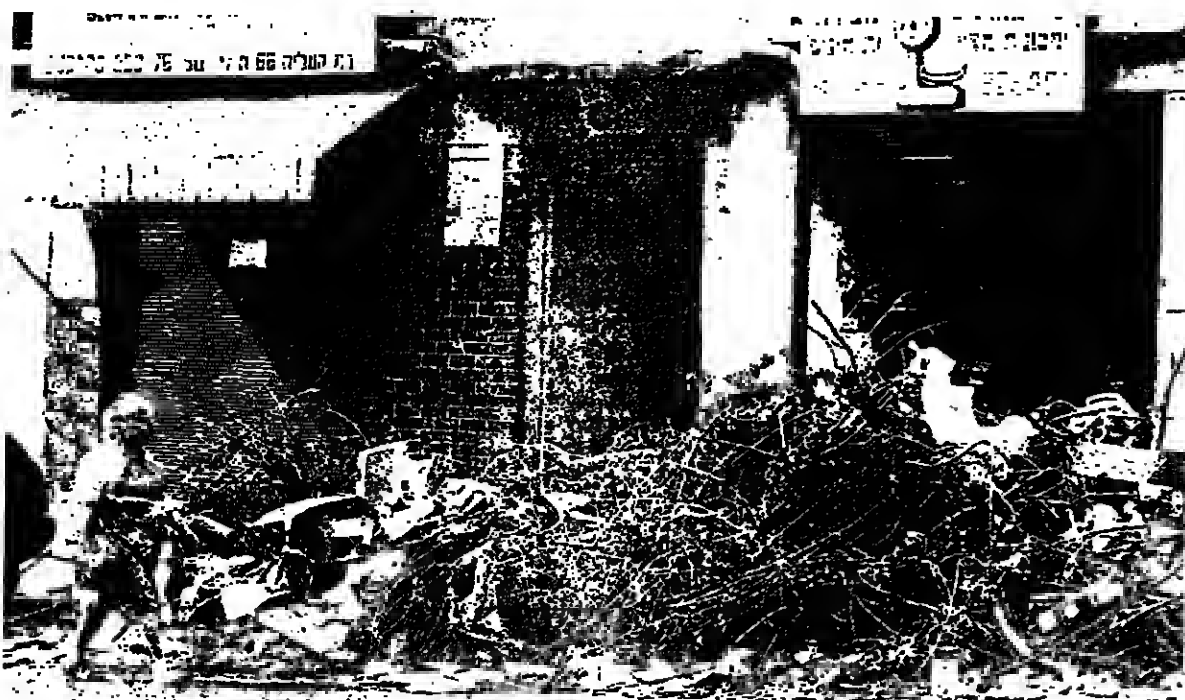
Cohen-Orgad arrived a short while after the protest began and entered into a lively discussion with the demonstrators. The minister said that \$2.2 billion have been allotted to settlement, but noted this is according to the Allon Plan.

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Peled, one of Alternative's leaders, said after the demonstration that Ariel combines "two acts of robbery — robbery of Palestinian land and robbery from Israeli workers who have to finance the settlements." Other demonstrators said the Allon Plan should be cancelled, so that the budget cuts in education and welfare services could be avoided.

Education minister to leave hospital

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer is to be discharged from Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer today and will probably recuperate at the Kfar Hamaccabiah sports village, a Ministry of Education spokesman stated yesterday. Hammer, 48, suffered a heart attack two weeks ago.



According to local residents, this huge pile of garbage on Tel Aviv's Rehov Ha'aliya has not been removed for two weeks. (IPPA)

Beduin health lectures planned for Hebrew U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two lectures on Beduin health will be given by Dr. Yonis Abu-Rabia and Aref Abu-Rabia, beginning at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, at the Buber Adult Education Centre on Mount Scopus.

Dr. Yonis Abu-Rabia, the first Beduin physician in Israel, will speak on "Changes in Beduin Health Patterns," and Aref Abu-Rabia's lecture will describe his continuing work in "Traditional Care among the Beduin."

Shmueli: Ulpán cuts being implemented now

By SUSAN BELLOS
Post Education Reporter

Education Ministry Director General Eliezer Shmueli on Friday denied reports that ulpán cuts are being held up until ailing Education Minister Zevulun Hammer returns to work. Shmueli told *The Jerusalem Post* that \$590 million in budget cuts

are already being implemented. Announcement last month of cuts in Hebrew instruction for immigrants here more than three years, and for kibbutz volunteers met with a strong opposition, spearheaded by the Knesset Education Committee. Shmueli insisted Friday that the Education Ministry would only participate in Hebrew courses for new immigrants.

Opposition to the cuts was expressed by Deputy Education Minister Miriam Glazer-Ta'asa on Israel TV's *Mahor* news magazine Friday. Shmueli said it was unfortunate that she seemed to be undermining ministry decisions. Hammer's support for Shmueli's position was confirmed last night by the Education Ministry spokesman, who told *The Post*: "The ulpán cuts will take place exactly as planned." He would not comment on Glazer-Ta'asa's intervention against the cuts, but merely said Shmueli's position was "correct."

Shmueli asks teachers not to strike tomorrow

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli on Friday appealed to the Teachers Union to call off the two-hour strike it has planned for tomorrow over the issue of substitute teachers.

In a ministry statement reporting a meeting with union secretary Amnon Avramson, Shmueli said the ministry's plan to hire no substitute teachers for the first three days of a regular teacher's absence would not impair the level of teaching or teachers' rights.

Shmueli said that any other budget cut would be even more painful to make. He asked the teachers for their understanding and help in overcoming the problems caused by the cuts in the ministry's budget.

Teachers to prepare book on racism

Post Education Correspondent

An International Educators' Committee against Anti-Semitism and Racism was established in Tel Aviv last week by teachers from the U.S., West Germany, the Netherlands, France and Israel.

The committee will collect material on anti-Semitism and racism for pupils aged 11 to 15. This will be published as an anthology in English, French, German, Hebrew and possibly Spanish. Histadrut Teachers' Union president Shalom Levin told *The Jerusalem Post*. The anthology will be presented at a meeting of the committee next November.

Levin noted that, although there is much material on anti-Semitism in Hebrew, there is little on other types of racism. He said that many young Israelis are chauvinistic and perhaps even racist in their attitudes towards Arabs.

Wide-scale search for missing teenager on Carmel

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Scores of police and Civil Guards were joined by 500 volunteers yesterday in a search for 15-year-old Danny Katz who went missing from his home in the Danya neighbourhood on Thursday afternoon.

A police helicopter was brought in to cover sections of the Carmel National Park, and tracker-dogs were used.

Many of Katz's friends from the high school in Rehov Bikurim in Central Carmel assisted in the search.

Katz left his home in Rehov Gruenbaum at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday to drop off some school books at a friend's house before going to watch a tennis match at the Haifa University gymnasium. He failed to keep the appointments.

BLUE-WHITE. — The Israeli company Plan Electronica has won the Electric Corporation tender for a data control system for the Ashdod power station. The system will cost \$800,000.

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Lech Walesa's wife accepts Nobel Prize

OSLO (AP). — Danuta Walesa accepted the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize yesterday for her husband Lech, leader of the banned Polish trade union Solidarity. He was back home in Gdansk, the Baltic seaport where Solidarity began in 1980, listening to a live Polish-language broadcast of the ceremony over U.S. radio stations.

"I do regret missing the ceremony, but I could not afford to take the risk," he told reporters in his home, repeating his suspicion that the authorities would not have let him back into Poland if he had collected his prize in person.

Meanwhile in Stockholm, five American scientists who pioneered research on physics, chemistry, medicine and economics, and a 72-year-old British novelist collected their Nobel prizes from the King of Sweden.

They received gold medals, diplomas and cheques totalling nearly \$1 million.

The prizewinners were Barbara McClintock of New York (medicine); William Fowler of Cal Tech who shared the physics prize with India-born Subramanyam Chandrasekhar of Chicago; Henry Taube of Stanford University (chemistry); French-born Gerard Debreu of UCLA at Berkeley

(economics) and William Golding (literature), the first Briton to get the prize since Winston Churchill 30 years ago.

After hearing the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel committee praise her husband as a champion of human rights dedicated to non-violence, Danuta Walesa accepted a blue leather box containing the Nobel gold medal and blue leather-covered diploma. The Walesas' eldest son, Bogdan, 13, stood at her side.

Mrs. Walesa then read an acceptance speech written by her husband in which he appealed for reconciliation and respect for the dignity of labour. The speech made few direct references to the tactics with which the Polish government has countered his efforts to have his movement enshrined as the Soviet bloc's only independent union.

In one such reference, however, he said: "With deep sorrow I think of those who paid with their lives for their loyalty to Solidarity, of those who are behind prison bars and who are victims of repression."

Norwegian unions, coordinated by a group called Solidarity Norway-Poland, organized a mass rally and torchlight parade through the capital.



Danuta Walesa and her son Bogdan receive Lech Walesa's Nobel Peace Prize from Egil Aarvik, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, in Oslo yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

'Pravda' editor foresees renewed arms negotiations

TOKYO (Reuters). — The editor of *Pravda* said in an interview published here yesterday that Moscow intends to resume Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) with Washington.

The Soviet Union suspended the long-range arms talks indefinitely Thursday, after walking out on November 23 from separate Geneva negotiations on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The November walk-out followed a vote by the West German parliament backing installation of U.S. medium-range cruise and Pershing 2 missiles there.

Pravda editor Viktor Afanasyev said that in a new round of START Moscow would propose negotiating package reductions in all kinds of nuclear weapons including intermediate-range nuclear missiles and tactical nuclear arms.

He made the remarks in an inter-

view with a reporter of the Japanese daily *Asahi Shimbun* Friday saying it was his personal view.

The chiefs of staff of the Soviet armed forces, Nikolai Ogarkov, in a press conference in Moscow on December 5, rejected the idea of moving the question of intermediate-range nuclear missiles to Strategic Arms Reduction Talks.

Though Afanasyev did not specifically refer to the timing of START resumption, he said a possible meeting between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz next month, during a disarmament conference in Stockholm, would not be the first step toward setting a date.

He was quoted as saying he did not know if the new round of START would begin in a few months or five years.

IRA bombs at army barracks may signal pre-holiday blitz

BELFAST (AP). — Hours after explosions rocked a British Army barracks in London and a run-down building in Armagh, authorities warned yesterday that the Irish Republican Army is planning a pre-Christmas bomb blitz.

"As a result of this attack, we are now on full alert," said Commander William Huckleby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. "This is an indication that there might well be further attacks in the Christmas period."

A spokesman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary, a Northern Ireland provincial police force, said information from intelligence sources indicated that the main target would be stores crowded with Christmas shoppers.

The motive, he said, would be to damage goods and frighten away

patrons as part of the IRA's avowed campaign to wreck Ulster's economy.

The bomb at the Royal Artillery barracks at Woolwich in south-east London yesterday, slightly injured four soldiers and sent a woman passer-by into shock, police said.

The 4 a.m. blast demolished the guardhouse at the barracks and left a crater 4 metres deep. It also blew out windows, shrapnel and car windows within a 100 metre radius, showering sleeping families with glass.

Police said the bomb, 7.9 kg. of commercial explosive, was placed against the guardhouse wall as some of the soldiers held a Christmas party.

An army spokesman at the base said the entire barracks personnel of about 400 persons was evacuated, together with 20 nearby civilian households, while a sweep for any other devices was conducted. None was found.

In Armagh, northern Ireland, near the border with the Irish Republic, a booby-trap bomb went off Friday night as a police patrol passed a run-down building. Two officers suffered cuts and bruises and an elderly female passer-by was treated for shock, a constabulary spokesman said.

The IRA claimed responsibility for the explosion and warned of more attacks on British soldiers and the predominantly Protestant police force.

Soviets fire concert-agency director

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The head of a major Soviet concert agency has been sacked following an inquiry into a corruption scandal, the Russian minister of culture said yesterday.

Writing in the trade-union daily *Trud*, Yuri Melentyev said V. Khodykin, general director of Roskonsert, had been relieved of his duties as part of a clean-up at the agency.

Last October, *Trud* reported that Roskonsert's deputy chief had been jailed for 10 years for bribe-taking, embezzlement and blackmail after police uncovered a large-scale racket involving well-known performers.

Melentyev said the result of the inquiry was "alarming," showing that corruption was still rife throughout the agency. He said other officials were being sacked or reprimanded and new managers selected to help improve the agency.

Pakistan may recognize Turkish Cypriot Republic

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq said yesterday that Pakistan is "actively considering" recognizing the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

He told reporters that Pakistan's sympathies are with Turkey, which is so far the only country to have recognized the republic proclaimed last month by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş.

Argentine president promises new era

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Paul Alfonsín was sworn in yesterday as Argentina's president, promising a future of freedom, justice and democracy after nearly eight years of harsh military rule.

Alfonsín, 57, whose reformist Radical Civic Union Party scored a landslide victory in elections on October 30, received the presidential sash from outgoing president Gen. Reynaldo Bignone in a ceremony at Government House.

Earlier, he was sworn in at a joint session of Congress, attended by government leaders from several Latin American and European countries.

In his inaugural speech to

Congress the new president described the state of Argentina as "deplorable and in some cases catastrophic."

The economy is in deep recession and hobbled by \$40 billion in foreign debt, while society is still reeling from a wave of political violence in the 1970s.

"Some problems will not be solvable immediately, but public immorality has come to an end. We are going to be a decent government," Alfonsín said.

He categorically rejected violence as a means of political change and a substitute for free elections.

The new president pledged that

his government would strictly observe human rights and dismantle the machinery of state repression built up under military rule.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher sent a message of congratulations to Alfonsín. Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi said in an interview published yesterday.

Craxi told the Buenos Aires newspaper *Clarín* he had brought a message from Thatcher to Alfonsín. Craxi said he hoped to take a reply back to the British prime minister after meeting Alfonsín today. Diplomatic relations between Britain and Argentina have been severed since last year's Falklands War.

NATO stresses its resolve to deploy new U.S. missiles

BRUSSELS. — NATO made clear on Friday that it will not be moved from its resolve to deploy new U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe. But it expressed hope that Moscow will not abandon East-West dialogue and will come to next month's Stockholm disarmament conference.

This was the main message after two days of talks by foreign ministers of the 16 Atlantic Alliance countries.

In a "Brussels declaration," the ministers urged the Soviet Union and its allies to return to the nuclear arms negotiating table in Geneva and offered an open and comprehensive dialogue.

NATO clearly blamed Moscow for the Soviet walkout from the Geneva arms talks, and said it hoped the Russians would come to Stockholm to help reduce the risk of accidental war in Europe and to broaden the dialogue between NATO and the Warsaw pact.

The ministers rejected what they consider to be Soviet efforts to use the arrival of U.S. medium-range missiles in Europe to drive a wedge between Western Europeans and the U.S., saying in the declaration: "Our legitimate security interests can only be guaranteed through the firm linkage between Europe and North America."

In Frankfurt yesterday, police fired water cannons to drive anti-

nuclear protesters away from a U.S. military facility, while thousands of demonstrators gathered in three other West German towns.

A small group of protesters hurled stones, firecrackers and bags of paint at hundreds of police officers ringing the U.S. supply equipment centre at Frankfurt. About 100 demonstrators screamed at police and demanded that the controversial missiles be kept out of West Germany.

Police said some arrests were made, but that no injuries were reported.

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In the small town of Mutlangen, where the first Pershing 2 missiles to arrive in West Germany were believed sent, nearly 4,000 demonstrators swept past police roadblocks to block the main entrance to the U.S. army's air field, according to protest organizers. (Reuters, AP)

Moslem conference raps U.S. air strikes on Syria

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — A conference of Moslem foreign ministers yesterday expressed qualified support for the Turkish Cypriot cause, condemned U.S. air strikes on Syrian positions in Lebanon and called on Arab states to accept efforts to end its three-year-old war with Iraq.

The positions were outlined in draft resolutions adopted by a political committee, and are expected to be adopted by the full session of the 14th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Casablanca, Morocco, on January 16-18.

The Cyprus resolution, sponsored by Pakistan, says Turkish Cypriots should be able to "achieve equal status and to secure their just rights."

It says the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities should resume negotiations toward establishment

of a "bi-communal, bi-zonal federal state," but it does not endorse the November 15 declaration of an independent Turkish republic in northern Cyprus.

A resolution on Lebanon and Syria targets in Lebanon and the strategic cooperation agreement between the U.S. and Israel.

It said the attacks threaten to lead to a "new confrontation" in the region and called on the administration of President Ronald Reagan to "desist from the policy of aggression it pursues...in collaboration with Israel."

A photographer inside the closed meeting hall said the Iranian delegation walked out of discussions on the Iran-Iraq war draft resolution, which expresses "satisfaction" with Iraq's acceptance of earlier peace proposals.

France opposes British budget refund

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — France will oppose payment of a budget refund to Britain, agreed earlier this year, unless the European Community agrees to reform its ailing finances, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said here yesterday.

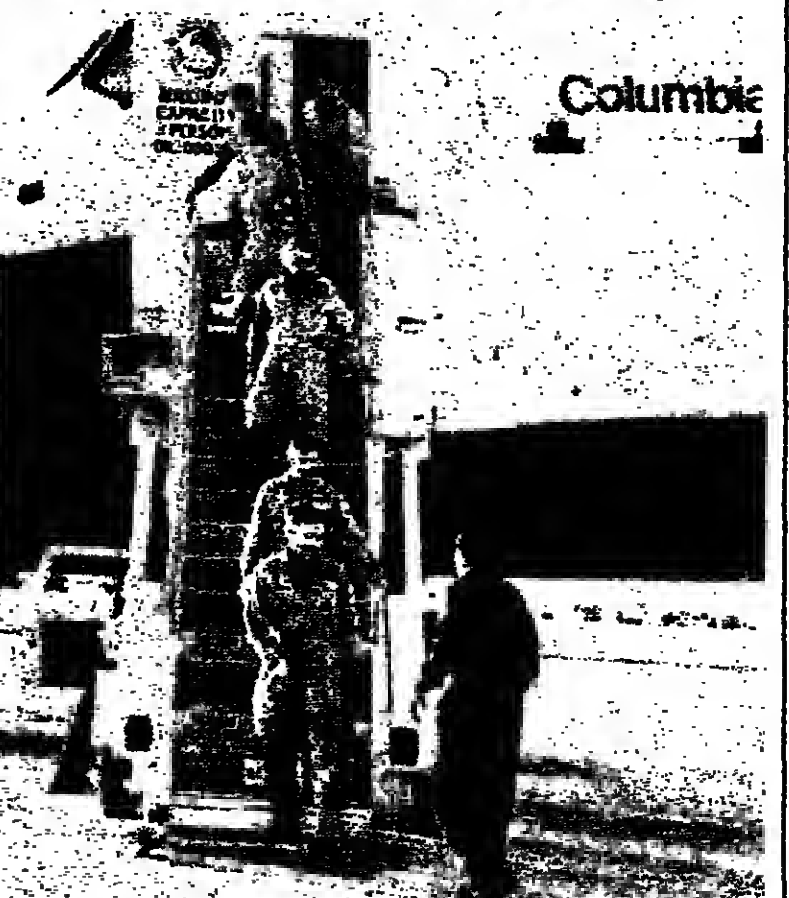
France also rejects British demands for an overhaul of the budget to reduce its payments to the community, he added.

European leaders agreed at their June summit in Stuttgart to refund \$640 million to Britain on its 1983 budget payments, providing an accord is reached on all other out-

standing problems, Cheysson told reporters.

France and Britain clashed earlier last week over the question of Britain's refund demands at the community's Athens summit, which failed to settle any of the problems that are fast pushing the community towards financial collapse.

N-BLAST. — France exploded a 15-kiloton nuclear test device at its Mururoa atoll testing ground in the Pacific for the second time in less than a week, New Zealand officials said in Wellington Friday.



The Columbia space shuttle returns yesterday from a 10-day orbital flight with the largest crew ever to fly in space. A NASA official greets (from bottom upwards) Flight Commander John Young, Maj. Brewster Shaw (payload specialist), Dr. Robert Parker (mission-control specialist), Ulf Merbold (payload specialist), Dr. Owen Garriot (mission specialist), and Byron Lichtenberg (payload specialist). (UPI telephoto)

OPEC fights price cut

GENEVA (AP). — The 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Friday confirmed oil price and production figures fixed last March, in an apparent effort to keep prices from falling further amid sagging demand and world wide oil glut.

Although OPEC's final communiqué confirmed the \$29-a-barrel price and 17.5 million barrel-a-day ceiling on collective production, some industry analysts said it might not be enough to keep prices from falling further.

"The conference confirmed adherence to its decisions taken at its 67th meeting held in London in March 1983 concerning price and production levels," the final communiqué said, referring to the price cut of last March.

The 15 per cent slash of \$5 a barrel in London was the first in OPEC's 23-year history and followed a relatively mild winter, industry analysts believe prices now depend on the reaction of the North Sea oil producers, this winter temperatures and OPEC unity.

Private jet crashes in North Sea

STORNOWAY, Scotland (AP). — A French Air Force general, a British air commodore and eight other people were killed when an executive jet crashed into the stormy North Sea off the Outer Hebrides, the British Coast Guard reported Friday. By midday, rescuers had recovered four bodies from the icy waters amid gale-force winds, a spokesman said.

The jet, a chartered Cessna Citation, was carrying the passengers to a hunting vacation on a Hebridean estate, when it vanished from radar screens Thursday night.

The dead included French Air Force Gen. Henri Gimbart, 53, his wife, British Royal Air Force Air Commodore John Parker, 52, and his wife, Jill. The coast guard has not released the identities of three bodies found about 11 kilometre south of here.

Mike Carlton, owner of the Garmahine estate on the Scottish Lewis Island, said Gimbart and Parker and their wives were among eight passengers and two crew aboard the plane, which vanished 11 minutes before it was due to land at Stornoway Airport on Lewis. He said the other passengers were Liverpool couple and their children. The pilot and co-pilot were British.

Italy sentences terrorists

TURIN (AP). — A local court yesterday sentenced two women and seven men to life imprisonment and 15 others to terms of more than 20 years, ending a six-month trial of 134 suspected leftist terrorists.

The court, citing lack of evidence, cleared seven defendants. It handed down lighter sentences to the others, with two terrorists turned-informers drawing sharply reduced terms.

The convicted were all found by the court to be members of the "Front Line" gang associated with the Red Brigades. They were charged with 106 terrorist crimes committed in the Milan-Turin area between 1976 and 1980, including eight murders and various aggravated attacks, acts of arson and robberies. Among those murders were two Milan judges.

Nigeria to shift emphasis to national security

LAGOS (Reuters). — Nigerian President Shehu Shagari has said France's withdrawal from the Western Contact Group of Namibia (South West Africa) was a useful reminder of widely felt aspiration about its ineffectiveness. The Nigerian news agency (NAN) reported on Friday.

Shagari said that the group Britain, Canada, France, West Germany and the U.S. — had failed to six years to achieve progress towards Namibia's independence from South Africa.

While Shagari stressed his country's tough stand on racism and colonialism, he also indicated that his administration intends to shift emphasis to "the demands for national security" with particular attention to events in Nigeria's neighbouring countries.

Instability in any of these states would inevitably affect "our own stability and economic well-being," he said.

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ITS CLIENTS include Arabs and Jewish zealots, criminals, conscientious objectors and mental patients. Its bailiwick is the courtroom. And the aim of the war being waged by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) is to ensure that every citizen is given the basic rights of freedom and human dignity.

"These are universal, basic values of life in democratic societies, and there must be constraints on what society can do so that it will not violate them. ACRI draws a sharp line between taking political stands on issues, and trying to articulate and fight for what we believe are the real commitments Israel has to human rights," said ACRI chairwoman Dr. Ruth Gavison, who addressed the "First Tuesday" executive women's meeting at Jerusalem's King Solomon Sheraton last week.

Gavison, a sabra who completed her doctorate at Oxford University and is currently a member of the law faculty of Hebrew University, was invited to speak on civil rights in Israel — a timely subject as today is International Human Rights day, and is to be marked by an ACRI-sponsored symposium at the Van Leer Institute (see note below).

Before describing some of the cases the 600-member organization has dealt with, Gavison spoke of ACRI's greater aims.

"The three basic rights we seek to protect are liberty, including freedom of speech, expression, religion and movement; equality, that is, ensuring that there is no discrimination against a person on the grounds of sex, race, religion, age and so on; and due process, which means that a person's rights cannot be constrained without the procedural guarantees of due process of law."

Last year, ACRI went to court to defend the right of freedom of expression twice, for two completely

different types of clients, according to Gavison.

"The Committee Against the War in Lebanon, a radical left-wing group, wanted to march on the 30th day after Emil Grunzweig was killed. The police wouldn't grant them a licence. This would have been a dangerous precedent to set. You can't say that if there is enough public resistance to a demonstration that you don't need to let it happen. The ACRI went to court on this issue — and the march went on."

At the other end of the political and social spectrum, a nationalist religious (Jewish) group was prevented by police from praying at the Mugrabi Gate in the Old City, on the grounds that it would "provoke" Moslems praying nearby. Again the ACRI went to court and won, "vindicating the belief that freedom of expression has no bounds."

Also related to freedom of expression, cases of conscientious objectors refusing to serve in Lebanon are on the ACRI agenda. "We don't object to the right of the army to punish those who don't want to serve," said Gavison, "but the habit the army has of sending them to jail for 35 days and then sending them an order — the day they are released — to go to Lebanon is a misuse of the power to grant summons."

What is the ACRI doing to ensure the rights of women in Israel? "Within the association, we are trying to create a task force which will deal exclusively with the issue of women's rights," Gavison responded. "I personally handled a case last year of a woman who complained of sexual harassment. We succeeded in attaining extra compensation for her and a promise that if her place of work — a yeshiva which went bankrupt in the course of the legal proceedings — would get back on its feet, she could work

Rights and wrongs

Ensuring that every Israeli citizen is given the basic human rights of freedom and human dignity is the aim of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Its chairwoman, Ruth Gavison, spoke to Amy Levinson.



A Peace Now demonstration last year: "Freedom of expression has no bounds."

there again. What the client wanted was vindication."

Gavison added that members of the ACRI will be working together with Minister-without-Portfolio Sara Doron and Ethia Simha, adviser to the prime minister on the status of women, to change income tax, social security and other laws which discriminate against women. Lawyers like Gavison who belong to ACRI, and colleagues from outside who specialize in specific legal

fields, defend the organization and its clients. These clients are usually entangled in three kinds of problems related to civil liberties, which the ACRI seeks to solve by writing protests or taking various forms of legal action, including contesting cases in the courts. "Israel has its own unique civil liberties problems, each with special importance," Gavison explained. "One is the violation of liberties for reasons of security.

"Now, security problems in this country are real, but there is a great temptation to justify limitation of freedom by citing security and giving no other explanations."

Israel's preoccupation with security, she stressed, "has created a deep tension, and has kept us from dealing with other major problems — problems we should be dealing with at present and which we will have to face in future, during peacetime. This is not only unfortunate, it

is dangerous." Here, Gavison was referring to a second area of ACRI activism: the rights of the Arab minority.

"Israel is a Jewish state, the materialization of the self-determination of the Jewish people. But whether we have peace or war, the Arab minority will be a problematic element and a potential target for discrimination, simply because this is a Jewish state. Although this country has been comparatively good in its treatment of Arabs, they often have been treated on a different level," she said.

In 1965, an Arab group wanted to run for the Knesset, Gavison recalled, but "its programme was not compatible with the existence of the Jewish state. The law, however, allows anyone who wants to form a party to do so if they submit a petition with a certain number of signatures."

The Supreme Court upheld a decision to ban this group from forming a political party, with a strong minority opinion voiced by Judge Haim Cohn, who is currently the president of the ACRI.

One of the injustices which concerns the organization today, added Gavison, is that certain social benefits are granted to persons who have served in the Israeli Defence Forces. But Arabs are obviously excluded from reaping these benefits as they do not serve in the army.

The ACRI has also fought — in some cases, successfully — against censorship of Arab publications in which "there were severe infringements on the freedom of the press," Gavison explained that a voluntary agreement exists between the Jewish press and the censorship authorities, based on Mandatory defence regulations. Conflicts with the Censor's office are minimal as the agreement includes the "shared criteria for censorship of the press

and the government — but the Arab press is not included in this agreement."

The third major focus of the ACRI's energies is the thorny area of synagogue and state. "These are a unique group of problems that not only affect Jews who are not religious and have to, let's say, abide by rabbinical law regarding divorce and marriage, but also affect non-Jews," Gavison asked rhetorically. "Does the freedom of religion also include the freedom not to be religious? And is being Jewish being religious, whether one is observant or not?"

This is one area in which it is nearly impossible for the ACRI to effect change, she noted, but the organization is pressing for what she called "non-religious burial arrangements" whereby Bitnach Leumi money that is given for burial in Jewish cemeteries will also be granted to families who wish to cremate or to bury their dead elsewhere.

After fielding a few questions from her audience, Gavison concluded her remarks by stressing that the ACRI needs new members in order for it to have an educational impact. The organization holds lectures and debates and puts out a newsletter. It has four branches (in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba). Annual membership dues are IS900. (For further information write: ACRI, P.O.B. 8273, Jerusalem 91082.)

NOTE: Today's International Human Rights Day symposium will focus on "The Limits of Freedom of Expression." During the symposium, this year's human rights prize will be granted posthumously to Emil Grunzweig, the peace activist killed in a grenade explosion outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem last year. The symposium will begin at 8.00 p.m.

Romance to riches

Janet Dailey, whose romantic novels stir the hearts of millions, talks to Greer Fay Cashman.



Author Janet Dailey.

(Richard Charbit)

WHEN Janet Dailey's husband, Bill, sold his business and retired the couple set off to explore the U.S. in a house trailer.

Janet took along a pile of Harlequin romance novels — and thus took the first step towards becoming America's best selling woman novelist.

Since then over 100 million of her larger-than-life books have been sold with average world-wide sales at 44,000 copies a day.

In Israel to research her latest novel, she recalled how, reading the Harlequin romances, she decided she could do better herself. Bill told her to go ahead and her first manuscript was accepted by Harlequin Books.

Since then Janet and her husband, Bill, who does most of the research for her writing, have not looked back. More than 98 Janet Dailey novels have been published in 19 languages earning the couple more than \$15 million.

Bill, who manages the family's finances, invested it and the Daileys now control fifteen different corporations, including film and television productions, country music shows, advertising concerns and land development. They are currently developing a \$100 million entertainment complex in Branson, Missouri, not far from their home on the shores of Lake Taneycomo.

So far, only one of Janet's books — *Fox Fire Light* — has been filmed. Naturally, Bill was the producer, and Janet made an appearance. "I had to do an Alfred Hitchcock number," she laughed. The four books in her *Calder Saga* are being turned into a television series, and next summer *Silver Wings San Diego Blues*, a story based on women army pilots in World War II, will also make its television debut.

According to Bill, fourteen countries have thus far expressed an interest in the footage of *Fox Fire Light*, but final signatures on the

dotted line hinge on one of Bill's idiosyncrasies. He doesn't like subtitles.

"Dubbing adds more credibility to the film," he said.

The Israeli novel, the first to be set outside the American continent, as yet, has no plot, but is already scheduled for filming. During the

couple's 10-day tour here, Bill negotiated with an Israeli director. But American immigrants who are Janet Dailey fans, are going to have to catch up on their Hebrew before the film hits Israel, because it's not going to be shown here in English. The compensation will be a glimpse of their favourite author, who will

be in every movie based on one of her books.

It's not only Janet's plots that keep readers fascinated. Dailey describes the people and landscape of the midwest. Her subjects contrast sharply with the characters of New York and Los Angeles, which have put scores of other writers on

the bestsellers lists. "There's a lot of country between New York and L.A.," she observed. "And that's one of the appeals of my books as far as foreign countries are concerned. I have given them a look at Middle America."

Dailey casts her characters larger than life, but spares no effort in placing them in authentic surroundings. That's where Bill comes in. He researches landscape, climates, different kinds of farming traditions...all those essential bits of information which combine to add reality to the story.

Janet sometimes accompanies him on research expeditions. Before she wrote *Nightway*, the couple spent a month living with the Navajos on an Indian reservation. Recalling that experience, she said: "We tend to think of reservation Indians as inferior, because we're only familiar with those who get hooked on whisky and are always rolling drunk. But the Indians are far from inferior. One of their traditions is that all illnesses are born of the mind, and when they treat any illness, they treat the mind first. The Navajos also have a very complicated language, and when they refer to the size or shape of anything, the reference is in the verb. The language is so complex that the U.S. used it for military codes during World War II."

Both she and Bill planned for years to come to Israel. They have a lot of Israeli friends, but it was the professional pitch which finally got them moving. Before boarding the plane, they tried to block out all the mental images received via news reports from this part of the world. "If you come in with preconceived notions," said Janet, "you only absorb the kind of information which reinforces those notions." During her brief visit, she said, she was able to "pick up the vitality of this land. You get a feeling of fertility. I feel just as comfortable here as I do in the U.S."

Serving and giving

Immigrants can make a contribution to Israel while participating in Sherut La'am, says former volunteer Cindy Kaye.

A QUALITY unique to Israel is its drawing power. One visit is never enough. And each trip following the initial, introductory, mammoth tour takes on a different aspect, exposing new facets of The Land.

For young people, the decision to come to Israel is often made over a period of time. Some begin with summer teen-tours. Precocious high school graduates often find their way here before beginning college — unless they opt for a junior year abroad as an alternative to four years in one institution. Each of these options provide a different angle and taste of Israel. Students are independent in this new environment, yet school is a familiar framework in their lives. And what an exciting experience it is to be so far from home, in a foreign country, fumbling with Hebrew, surrounded by a different culture...

After college the next stage, which is more serious and requires a greater commitment for those considering the possibility of aliyah, is to come to Israel to work. At this point, more substantial questions have surfaced: Can I survive here? Will I find work and an apartment? Can I adjust to the life? However, Israeli law and the bureaucracy concerning visas and work permits make it difficult for tourists to find professional work.

My own solution was to come to Israel as a participant of Sherut La'am ("Service to the people"). This year-long programme, offered by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, (though it is available to people throughout the world), is designed to ease the way into Israeli

society. The programme offers a sense of support, which I and my 70 co-participants experienced in that we did not have to order our lives in a foreign country without guidance. We spent our first night, in October, 1982, in a four-star hotel in Tel Aviv. The next morning we were taken, bag and baggage, to the *merkaz klita* (absorption centre) in Tiberias. There we spent three months learning Hebrew in an ulpan and looking into work possibilities for the next nine months.

Sherut La'am, since its inception in 1965, has assumed the form of a volunteer programme, where we, the volunteers, gain work experience in our trained fields, while serving in development towns throughout the country. In return for our service the programme provided us with a monthly stipend for food and housing, in towns where Sherut La'am housing is available.

The ulpan was run by professional teachers four hours a day, five or six days a week; alternate weeks we had a free Sunday. Though the romantic Kinneret in the background was not conducive to studying, we were warned that our Hebrew would eventually catch up with us. It was clearly in our best interest to learn as much as we

could, while we had the opportunity to do so.

During the course, my instructor arranged afternoon volunteer jobs. Once a week, 20 of us worked on an army base, restocking supplies which had been used during the war. The work was far from glamorous, but it was necessary — we folded uniforms and blankets, rolled sleeping bags and packed supplies. I found it an experience of educational value. Soldiers sometimes related their experiences and feelings; they were often quite open with us — perhaps due to the nature of our connection to the bases. I felt that after this short exposure, I had a clearer understanding of this unfamiliar institution which plays such a major role in the lives of Israelis.

Two afternoons a week I tutored English at a junior-high school in one of the poorer neighbourhoods in Tiberias. Through teaching these 13-year-olds, I met some of their large families. At a bat-mitzva I attended, I experienced a funny sensation: as an English-speaker from New York, I was the novelty of the party. This group of 50 cajoled me to sing "Happy Birthday" in English and then behaved as though that had been the highlight of their festivities.

Towards the end of the first three

months we had job interviews all over the country. Sherut La'am organized some of the interviews, though in my case, I secured work on my own. One of my goals for this year was to explore the possibility of being a journalist in Israel. I naturally gravitated towards Jerusalem, the country's journalistic centre. However, as a result of my encounters in the North, I recognized the potential for gaining a fuller picture of Israel by living in an area other than Jerusalem every time I came to Israel.

Tiberias proved to be a pleasant change from the areas I was familiar with — Jerusalem and New York, two relatively large cities which are atypical of the countries to which they belong. Tiberias was the first place I have ever lived in where I knew the postman and the bank teller by name. The people exhibited a friendliness to which I was initially unaccustomed.

After weighing all my options, I decided that my acclimation to life in Israel might be easier if I remained in Tiberias, where I also had an adopted family and a compatible roommate to give me additional support. I got a teaching job in a high-school in my neighbourhood — teaching English to 11th and 12th graders who were preparing for the *bagrut* (pre-

College, matriculating) exam. It did not take long to build up a rapport with my students. I feel we all gained a lot from the experience. It is said: "By your pupils you shall be taught."

I wasn't willing to jeopardize my journalistic goals in order to remain in Tiberias, so I worked out a compromise. It is this element of my service which took on a slightly different tone from that of most of my colleagues. I secured a job, writing two days a week for a news-release agency in Jerusalem.

My boss agreed to pay for my transportation and I commuted three hours each way, sleeping one night a week on a friend's dorm-room floor, to write feature articles for this English-language, worldwide, Jewish media service.

As an added interest I also did some translating work for a newsletter being published by Haifa University, which brought me north twice a week.

Participation in Sherut La'am "cushioned" my initial experience in Israel and eased the trauma of starting afresh in a new country. The buffers — friends, a niche — which are necessary to smoothing everyday difficulties, I formed on my own. For me and my colleagues, Israel represented a foreign system and mentality which, thanks to this programme, we were forced to confront as a part of our professional introduction to society. The programme is not designed to shield its participants from facing realities. Rather, it acts as a stepping-stone to the stage of settling in Israel.

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No winners

ON FRIDAY night an 11-year-old girl was buried in a Nablus cemetery. Her sister is still in a local hospital with a bullet wound in her mouth. The police are searching for two men, apparently Israelis, who on Thursday afternoon chased a crowd of children down a side street in the city after their car was stoned, burst into a bakery and opened fire with an automatic weapon.

The same evening a bus carrying settlers from Kiryat Arba home from work in Jerusalem was stoned as it passed the Dehaishe refugee camp. Acting on the advice of the new O.C. Central Command Aluf Amnon Shahak the settlers, most of whom are armed as a matter of course, dismounted and chased the suspected rock-throwers into the camp. They caught no one.

Perhaps the time has come for the settlers to admit and accept that preventing rock-throwing is not so easy after all. At the same time the army and the various security forces ought to acknowledge that the greater danger to life lies with those who carry firearms and not with those whose main weapons are the inexhaustible supply of rocks in the West Bank.

True, a rock thrown through the windscreen of a car is mortally dangerous and, on one occasion has indeed proved fatal. But bullets are deadlier and the bare statistics show that far more Palestinian Arabs have been killed in the territories than have Israelis.

Last night a 16-year-old girl was buried in a Jerusalem cemetery. She died of wounds sustained in Tuesday's vicious terrorist bombing of a bus. This brought the death toll to five with 25 people still in hospital. But on Friday, as if the police did not have enough work, five booby-trapped IDF-type grenades were found in various Arab quarters of the city near Christian and Moslem places of worship. An unidentified group, calling itself "terror against terror," claimed responsibility for this new threat.

Here, within a week the cycle of terror and violence caused victims on both sides. There are, in fact, no winners.

All this is happening at a time when there are increasing indications that both Jordan and local Palestinian leaders are willing to break with the habits of the past and perhaps enter negotiations. The time is rapidly approaching for an Israeli gesture of statesmanship designed to break the impasse and advance those negotiations.

Only then can both sides hope to break the tragic cycle of mutual terror.

Who needs universities?

TIME is running out for the universities and the government to devise a solution that would prevent the unprecedented step of closing the gates to the university campuses on Tuesday.

The universities, which have been forced by the government to introduce economy measures over the last 10 years, are seething with resentment at the Treasury's approach to the current crisis. The Treasury, the heads of the universities argue, is holding back most of the money owed from this year's budget as a means to pressure the universities to accept a big cut in next year's budget.

This cut would mean firing about 1,200 faculty members and other staff, which would cripple many university activities and reduce the already dwindling supply of young lecturers.

For its part, the Treasury is still smarting from the blow it received last year when it was forced by an arbitration board to pay higher faculty salaries. The Treasury lost its challenge to the arbitration ruling in the courts, and now seems determined to use what amounts to pressure tactics to get the money back from the universities.

The Treasury has pushed the universities into a corner with its excessive demands and unyielding pressure. The universities now have no choice but to close, if only to demonstrate that they mean business.

The resort to confrontation tactics over the future of the nation's system of higher education is a tragedy in itself, but it portends an even bigger debacle if the teaching and research at the country's seven campuses will be forced to grind to a halt.

Part of the difficulty here lies in the unfortunate fact that in the crucial period of the last two weeks, Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer has lain stricken with a heart attack in a hospital bed. Thus no one has been able to plead the cause of the universities and lock horns with the finance minister at the cabinet level.

It is to be hoped that a solution to this entirely avoidable crisis will be worked out at the eleventh-hour meeting scheduled for tomorrow between the heads of the universities and the prime minister.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS REACTING to the BBC World Service report on the recent Jerusalem bus bombing, a listener here called the news editor in Bush House, London, and asked why there was no explicit mention in the BBC report that the target of the attack was a civilian bus. The BBC had reported the blast "in a bus," and then quoted the PLO version that it was a military vehicle and the casualties were military personnel.

The initial response of the duty editor at Bush House was, "We try to be even-handed in these matters." The listener pointed out that the Jerusalem correspondent of the BBC had only to visit the site of the explosion or to look at TV to see that the casualties were all civilians, among them children and pensioners.

The editor promised to examine the matter, and later bulletins made it clear that the bus was in fact civilian.

PS A SECURITY guard at a warehouse in Casoria, near Naples, had more faith in big cats than watchdogs, police discovered.

Police making a check at a storage site for tanks of liquid gas were greeted by the roar of two lions on guard duty.

Watchman Pasquale Renzi later explained that he had raised the

animals from cubs for just that purpose, saying that they made him "feel more secure."

The lions, which were kept in a shed in the enclosure, were turned over to the Naples zoo.

Renzi said he bought them from a travelling circus for about \$200.

PS CLUBS set up in the past five years all over the Soviet Union to help the unattached find spouses have failed because their purpose was too obvious, a Moscow newspaper says.

The weekly *Sovetskaya Kultura* says the clubs had become insulting and degrading for women. They were stalking grounds for lecherous men.

The Soviet Union has almost twice as many unmarried women as unmarried men. It also has one of the world's highest divorce rates, and its millions of single people are viewed as a serious social problem.

There are limited public entertainments where people can make friends, and the authorities have encouraged contact clubs which organize dance evenings.

But *Sovetskaya Kultura* said the number of marriages that resulted from these was "miserably low."

Men used them instead to pick up women. They were also regularly frequented by husbands when their wives were away.

AFTER A PREGNANCY of 23 months, the Knesset House Committee has now brought forth a code of ethics for Knesset members that is supposed to keep them from abusing their position for personal gain.

Considering that Knesset heavies Moshe Shahal, Ehud Olmert and Ronnie Milo — who are all deeply involved in the practice of law — did their darndest to keep the code as mild as possible, the end product certainly could have been worse.

The draft code prepared by the subcommittee headed by Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulash made no mention of sanctions against errant MKs, and Kulash said with a straight face that public opinion would suffice to keep the legislators in line.

And when Justice Minister Moshe Nissim later proposed that a committee on ethics enforce the code, Shahal tried to kill the idea by dubbing the suggested body "a disciplinary committee."

In the code that has now emerged, the committee on ethics is the highest star. All depends, of course, on the quality of its chairman and three other MKs, who are to be appointed by the Knesset Speaker.

Since Shahal and Milo head the Alignment and Likud Knesset factions, respectively, Speaker Menahem Savidor is consulting with them on whom to appoint. So we had better keep our fingers crossed.

The committee will consider complaints submitted against MKs for alleged breaches of the code and, if an offence is established, is empowered to issue "a remark, a warning, a rebuke, or a sharp rebuke." Ordinary citizens will be able to file complaints.

The committee's censure of an MK may not be published without its written permission, although why MKs deserve such coddling has not been explained. As in the courts, non-publication should be the exception.

An MK who is uncertain whether a particular act of his is consonant with the code may request the committee's opinion. The committee

Conflicts of interest

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

has been given the exclusive authority to interpret the code it will determine its own rules of procedure; and it may decide on ethical questions not covered by the code.

Although the Ethics Committee is not authorized to recommend an MK's expulsion (as is the U.S. Senate's Select Committee on Ethics), it is given broad powers over cases of conflict of interest. All it needs is guts.

THE MAIN WEAKNESS of the code is its failure to prohibit MKs from representing clients before government agencies and government companies.

"That's where the money is," says Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui). "And that's where the inherent influence of an MK is the greatest. Even if he just sits there while his client does the talking, the official cannot be indifferent."

Article 12 of the code, which deals with this subject, comes in like a lion: "A Knesset member shall not represent a client before a government agency..." But it goes out like a lamb: "...unless the agency is represented by the attorney-general or his representatives, or by the legal adviser of the agency."

The italicized phrase, which was added at the House Committee's final discussion on the code at the insistence of Shahal and Olmert, opens the door so wide that it makes a mockery of the entire article. One legal expert suggests that it would have been more correct to say: "A Knesset member may represent a

client before a government agency, provided that the agency..."

Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment), whose opinion I sought on Article 12, called it "inadequate, too liberal, too permissive." He said that: "in effect, it continues the present state of affairs. It won't put an end to undesirable situations."

EVEN IF Ya'acobi's total dismissal of Article 12 proves to be unjustified, the question remains: why did the House Committee defer to the wishes of MKs who demand the right to represent clients before government agencies? No good can come of it.

It is said that without a number of good lawyers and economists, the Knesset would turn into a "sterile" institution. This implies that a total ban on representing clients before government agencies would keep such professionals out of the Knesset.

But even before the code was adopted, most of the Knesset's more than a dozen lawyers decided on their own to discontinue their law practice or to accept only an occasional case. Shahal, Olmert and Milo are the exceptions.

If they could not live with a total ban, their places would be filled in the next Knesset by others no less capable. The same goes for economic consultants Dan Tichon, Adi Amori and Micha Harish.

The discussion of conflict of interest of lawyer-MKs generally ignores the question of MKs representing clients in court, presumably because judges, unlike

government officials, can be relied on not to fear or favour MKs.

But former Jerusalem district attorney Michael Kirsch, in a newspaper interview after his resignation half a year ago called attention to an important point.

When a lawyer-MK comes to the district attorney to engage in plea-bargaining, the DA is placed in a very uncomfortable position. And there is no reason for putting him in that position, Kirsch insists.

"There are a lot of lawyers in the world, and only 120 MKs," he says. "Not more than 20 of them are lawyers. If they don't appear at trials, if they don't conduct negotiations with district attorneys, it will be no calamity."

Two of the Asher Committee's rules on conflict of interest for cabinet ministers and deputy ministers have now been applied to all MKs. They may not exploit for their own, or another person's, private benefit advance or secret information which they have learned about in the performance of their duties. Nor may they acquire government property except on terms offered to the general public.

The Knesset building is declared off-limits for receiving clients or for acting on behalf of a client.

Article 13 prohibits an MK from serving on the board of directors of a government agency or government corporation. I hope this means that Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira must resign as chairman of the advisory committee of the Bank of Israel.

WITHIN 60 days of his election, an MK must file a declaration of his and his immediate family's financial assets and sources of income. MKs now serving are given six months to file their initial declaration. A new declaration must be submitted at the end of each fiscal year.

The declaration is to be submitted to the Knesset Speaker, who may not reveal its contents unless so requested by the member himself or by a court. An earlier draft specified that the declaration be submitted in a sealed envelope, and authorized the House Committee to examine it,

if it so voted. No explanation has been given for the two changes.

Nur is it clear what function will be served by having all these declarations stacked in the Speaker's safe. Shimon Peres was probably right in saying, at an Alignment faction meeting, that submission of the declaration without disclosure is meaningless.

Extremely puzzling, not to say suspicious, is the provision that the Knesset Speaker may report to the Ethics Committee a member's failure to file the required declaration. Why not shall?

THE CODE thus legitimizes outside work by MKs where there is no conflict of interest, and prescribes no limit on their outside earnings. It perpetuates the unfair distinction between self-employed members who may moonlight as much as they please, and those who would be paid a salary by an employer.

As Prof. Shevah Weiss once complained: "In the Knesset there are professors, and there are self-employed lawyers and economic consultants. Some of the self-employed were once our students. They are permitted to have outside earnings, but we, because we are 'employees' may not continue to lecture at our universities."

Shahal has estimated that over 60 MKs have other gainful employment. It may be assumed that, for many of them, such outside work is carried on at the expense of their Knesset duties.

The House Committee rejected Speaker Savidor's proposal that MKs code require MKs to be physically present in the Knesset on the three days a week that the Knesset sits, unless they are on a state or party mission.

Instead, Article 3 declares that an MK shall devote to his job "all the time that is required for it."

Kulash has spared us the necessity of commenting on that inanity. Asked by Zvi Yisraeli on the radio's Knesset Week programme whether MKs would work harder as a result of the code, Kulash was candid enough to say, "I doubt it."

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Two sides to prison problem

By MACABEE DEAN

more balanced picture. And it should be stressed that what is being presented is not actual cases, either of prisoners or of victims, but simply a method of looking at the problem from an overall viewpoint.

We are fully aware that these prisoners are awaiting trial, and that they are innocent until proven guilty. But the fact that a magistrate refused them bail does seem to tip the scale in favour of their being

suspects of the first order. And 80 per cent of those who are eventually found guilty will, after serving their sentences, and being "rehabilitated," return to a life of crime.

PRISONER "A" complains about inadequate medical treatment before his trial. He is charged with hit-and-run driving, knocking down an elderly man whom passers-

by found lying unconscious two hours after the accident. He will be a cripple, and a burden on the state, for the rest of his life.

Prisoner "B" complains of being forced to sleep on a mattress on the floor due to insufficient beds. He is charged with the brutal rape of a 12-year-old girl. She is now undergoing psychiatric treatment. She will probably be plagued with horrible nightmares for the rest of her life.

Prisoner "C" lacks adequate reading material. He is a pimp, awaiting trial for razor-slashing the face of his "girl friend," who asked for a couple of days' vacation from work.

Prisoner "D" complains about his dark, dank cell. He is charged with robbing and then brutally murdering an old woman who lived alone in a room only slightly larger than his cell.

Prisoner "E" is given only cigarettes to smoke, and cannot get cigars. He is a well-known pusher of heroin. He has "hooked" several

dozen persons, none of whom seems to be able to shake the habit. Their lives are apparently ruined.

WE COULD go on and on, tearing up the complaints of these prisoners with crimes.

But it is not for us, but for Arbeli-Almosino to do this. After every complaint by a prisoner she should have asked: "What are you charged with, my good man? Do you have the name and address of your victims? I would also like to visit them. Oh, you've been convicted before. Did you ever beg forgiveness from those you injured after you were released?"

This is what we call a "balanced picture." And there is still enough time for this MK, and all the others whose hearts were torn, to express the same type of sympathy to the innocent victims. They need it just as much, if not more.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

PROJECT RENEWAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir: — The article of October 24 on the subject of Project Renewal's budgetary difficulties caused great concern in Givat Olga and in the Minnesota Jewish community. The article was apparently based on an internal Jewish Agency memo which was, in several points, incorrect. Readers were led to believe that Project Renewal construction projects in Givat Olga would not be carried out. This is not correct.

The Minnesota Jewish community is one of the most dedicated and successful in its efforts for Project Renewal. Some 70 per cent of the funds promised for Givat Olga have been raised and an active campaign is now underway to complete the job. The funds for ongoing programmes are forwarded on time by Minnesota.

In short, all of the projects planned in Givat Olga are being and will be carried out and the statements which appeared in The Jerusalem Post of October 24 are not accurate.

FEDERATION OF ZIONIST YOUTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir: — The Federation of Zionist Youth of Great Britain and Ireland is in the process of contacting former members of the movement now living in this country with a view to forming a new association which will represent the interests of the movement in Israel.

The association will provide a framework for former members of FZY to revive their contact with the movement and to renew friendships made in the dim and distant days of their youth.

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as far as Givat Olga and Minocota are concerned.

YEHEIEL KAHANA
Mayor of Hadera,
Chairman, Project Renewal,
Givat Olga

Hadera.

Charles Hoffman comments:
According to a Jewish Agency memo distributed at the Board of Governors meeting in October, the \$4.16 million building projects planned for Givat Olga were listed in the category of "projects whose work should be ceased until the cash-flow problem is solved."

Perhaps the cash-flow problem has been solved by now. But according to official Agency figures, the situation as of September 30 was as follows: of the \$7m. projected expenses for Givat Olga renewal, about half had been committed to pledges. Cash transfers on that date amounted to only \$1.35m., and the cumulative deficit stood at close to \$300,000.

ZIONIST YOUTH

All readers interested in this venture or requiring further information should telephone or write to me at Maon Olim, Beit Canada, 6 Rehov David Raziel, Talpiot Mizrah, Jerusalem. Telephone 718201.

PAUL LENGA
Jerusalem.

THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir: — You certainly remember that our family was thrown into the desert near Ein-Sultan three years ago and how all the members of our family suffered, especially my son Tarik, who had to undergo surgery.

We are now forbidden from going to Amman, and the bridge authorities have informed us that I and my son Tarik are not allowed to leave the country. I want to go to Amman for medical treatment, and Tarik, who still has kidney trouble, needs further treatment and wants to go to West Germany to study.

We appeal to you for help, as you have always been ready to support the real cases of suffering families in your columns.

YACOB BASIL SHEMALI
Beit Sahour.

CORRECT GEOGRAPHY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir: — I would like to point out two errors in your last issue of November 18.

1. In Yoel Dar's "Village in agony," Beit Jann does not cling to the side of Mount Hermon, but Mount Miron (Jerma).

2. In Abraham Rabinovich's "Watermelon diplomacy," the Yarmuk, which joins the Jordan at Mahanayim, should read at Naharayim.

URI NE'EMAN
Ramat Chen.

EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir: — D'vora Ben Shaul's article, "Labour pains," (December 1) clearly reflects a sad truth about today's labour market. Educated women who have been out of the market for many years cannot find suitable employment.

Immigrant women who are not fluent in Hebrew have an additional problem. Those who are also Haifa residents have even more of a problem because most of the institutions that could employ women

with a liberal education are located in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv areas.

A group of English-speaking women in Haifa who are affected by this situation are planning to meet in late December in order to share experiences, discuss expectations and, most important, explore Jewish natives. Anyone interested in participating should contact me at 206 252286.

MYRNA BENNETT
Haifa.

BRITISH TV SERIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir: — We British do not have so much to boast about these days, so please do not do us down unnecessarily.

The magnificent drama series Kennedy referred to by Philip Gillon on November 25 was a scoop for British television, made by Central, one of our new independent TV companies, not by an American network as Mr. Gillon implies.

I gather that it was shown simultaneously in 25 countries of which Jordan was one, but Israel shamefully was not. Perhaps it should hurry to make amends

before the momentum of nostalgia is lost?

CHRISTOPHER WALKER,
Times Correspondent

Jerusalem.
Philip Gillon comments:
Apologies to the English, but they shouldn't appear under an American sobriquet. All the main characters spoke American with American rather than British accents.

Incidentally, Jordan TV showed Kennedy even before the Americans because of the time lag, according to my information.

Notice to Members of Kupat Holim Me'uhedet

Dear Members
With the impending rise in members' dues in January, 1984, we request you to pay your arrears immediately.
Debts which are unpaid by December 31, 1983, will be charged according to the January, 1984 rates.



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